(a) whether the production of oilseeds and pulses falls short of its requirement;

(b) if so, the actual production and consumption of these crops at present; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase their production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per assessment made by the Working Group on Demand and Supply Projections for the 8th Five Year Plan, the demand for pulses during 1990-91 was estimated to be about 15 to 16 million tonnes against the likely production of about 14 million tonnes. The demand for edible oils for 1990-91 was estimated to be about 5.82 million tonnes against the production of 5.0. million tonnes for the year.

(c) The schemes to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses under implementation, at present, are as follows;-

(i) Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP).

(ii) National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP).

(iii) Special foodgrain production Programme (SFPP) - Pulses.

Pak Links of Asiawatch Report

2750. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item regarding Pak Links of Asiawatch report appearing in the Times of India dated January 29, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts of the case; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLAIMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A criminal case on illegal activities of obtaining large amount from foreign countries through illegal means for use by the banned terrorist outfits of Jammu and Kashmir and for conveying terrorist and subversive plans to them was registered by Delhi Police at Chandni Mahal Police Station, Delhi vide FIR No. 53/91 dated 25/03/91.

The case has been entrusted to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Some persons have been arrested by Delhi Police and CBI.

Drama Therapy for mentally Retarded and handicapped Persons

2751. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Union government has been drawn to the successful Drama therapy method used for handling and training of mentally retarded and handicapped persons recently organised in Delhi by the premier social institution 'SAMADHAN' in collaboration with British Institute of Drama Therapy and National School of Drama.

(b) whether the government have any plan to start similar Drama Therapy programmes for the mentally retarded and handicapped persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) It has not been evaluated.

(b) There is no such scheme under the Ministry of Welfare.

(c) Does not arise.

Cotton Production in Madhya Pradesh

2752. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh is one of the cotton growing State in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the production of cotton in that State;

(c) the target fixed and achievement made in cotton production in the State during each of the last three years;

(d) whether the production has declined during the current financial year;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) is under implementation for increasing the production and productivity of cotton in the major cotton growing States including Madhya Pradesh. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is being provided for Production and distribution of seeds, demonstration, plant protection measures, irrigation and farmers training.

(c) The target fixed and achievement made in Cotton production in the State of Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years are as follows:-

(In lakh bales of 170 Kgs. each)

Year	*Targets*	*Production of Cotton*
1988-90	2.94	3.54
1989-90	3.60	4.12
1990-91	4.50	3.80

(d) and (e). The final estimates of production of cotton have not yet become due from the States. However, as per current assessment, the production of cotton during the 1991-92 is expected to be around 96.14 lakh bales that is slightly lower than the production level of 97.59 lakh bales achieved during 1990-91. The main reason of decrease in production of cotton is attributed to unfavorable weather conditions at the growth period of the crop in Gujarat and Maharashtra among the major growing States.

(f) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Intensive Cotton Development programme (ICDP) is under implementation for increasing the production and productivity of cotton in the major cotton growing States. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is being provided for production and distribution of seeds, demonstration, plant protection measures, irrigation and farmers training.

Issue of Licences to Industrial and Commercial Units in Delhi

2753. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: